FERIDA'S WONDERFUL RACE

THE MOST EFENTFUL DAY OF THE TEAR ON A RACE COURSE.

A Crowded Excursion Train in Peril-Women Betting on the Races-The Rest Four-Mile Heats Race on Record Gonverneur Nent-

ty Defeats the Favorite Two-Year Olds. The Coney Island Jockey Club was favored with a superb day in which to resi off their great four-mile heats race, and the other three events which made up the programme for the last regular day's races of the autumn meeting. The Manhattan and Brighton railroads were taxed to the utmost in carrying the multitude to the race course. The engineer of the crowded train which left Flushing avenue. Brooklyn, at 1:15 P. M. lost control of his train on the down grade above Bergen street to far below Prospect Park. There is a short divergence of the track at the Prospect Park station, and here the cars swayed and tipped so in their frightful velocity that many were terror-stricken from fear that the cars would leave the track. A railroad man informed THE SUN reporter that looking ahead he thought he saw a ecomotive on the same track over which the train was sliding. Although he estimated that the train was going at the rate of at least forty-five miles an hour, he prepared to jump just as he saw that the engine was on a side track. Many of the passengers failed to regain their composure until after the train stopped at

Sheepshead Bay.

Before the racing began the grand stand. quarterstretch, field stand, and all available places for seeing the races were overcrowded. The assemblage was estimated at from ten to fifteen thousand. The betting was constant and heavy. Hundreds of thousands of dollars must have changed hands. A few years ago betting at horse races was mainly confined to horsemen and their followers. Now the habit has become almost universal with visitors. So great are the profits that pool men pay \$2,500 a day for the privilege of selling pools at Sheepshead Bay and subletting stands to bookmakers. Even at the scrub breakneek, and sometimes questionable races at Brighton Beach, \$800 per day is freely paid for the right of conducting

Many of the regular betters are women, range ing from the wives and daughters of wealthy men to the industrious woman who draws her savings from the bank after hearing that Mrs. Daly or Mrs. O'Callahan had made hundreds of dollars by buying French pool tickets. One of the most striking sights on the race course is to glance up at the faces of the women who crowd the grand stand in the vicinity of the betting booths when there is a close finish be-tween several horses. The intensity of interest with which they watch their favorites, and the vehement manner in which they express their es or fears, greatly exceed those of their

male companions. The recess systerday were full of exciting incidents. The inversar-old cott Gouwerneur. Clark the colors of the Dwyer Brothers and G. L. Lorillard, equalling the best record. First and the best cornel to the season came with the color of the day and of the season came with the color of the day and of the season came with the color of the day and of the season came with the color of the day and of the season came with the color of the day and of the season came with the color of the day and of the season came with the color of the day and the color of the

while the Knight was lightly loaded with 77 lbs. This gives the pail to Barrett. Mutual tickets cashed in at \$10.20.

An extra rate, a spin of three-quarters of a mile for two-vear olds, brought to the post Dwyer Brothers' chestnut cell Ripple, carrying 110 lbs., and the same gentlemen's boy flily Bliss, with 90 lbs. up: G. L. Lorillard's bay coll Sir Hugh, 103 lbs., and bay filly Tops, with 95 lbs.; A. Bernham's chestnut filly By the Way, 93 lbs., and C. Chasa's bay coll Gouverneur, carrying 82 lbs., Average betting—Dwyer Bross, entires, \$400: G. L. Lorillard's, \$230; Gouverneur, \$185: By the Way, \$45.

When the signal came for the start Taylor drove the steel into Gouverneur, that son of Harry Bassett, sending him away in the lead The game two-year old kept thore, crowded by Sir Hugh, Topsy, and the others, all well in line across the track. Gouverneur kept the lead of the flying squad as it dashed around the lower turn into the straight in a cluster, with Topsy working through the pack for second place. Gouverneur finished in a rush, drawing away two lengths in the last furiong, winning by that distance from Topsy. Ripple third, followed by Bliss. By-the-Way, and Sir Hugh as pamed. Gouverneur run the three-quarters in 1:14 a. only a quarter of a second slower than Knight Templar's time. Mutual flives paid \$27.60.

The regular meeting wound up with the autumn steeplechase, a sweepstakes of \$50 ench, half forfeit, with \$400 added, the second to receive \$150 out of the stakes; the third to save his stake. The chase was over the regular steeplephase course, which is svery energithree miles. The jumpers were C. Reed's chestnut horse Disturbance (6), 146 lbs.; Cattanach & Son's bay mare Bertha (5), 140 lbs.; W. Lakeland's chestnut coll Bucktie (4), 137 lbs.; and M. J. Daly's brown mare Lizzie D. (5), 120 lbs. trebane, \$450; Lizzie D., \$235; Bucktie, \$225; and Bertha, \$180.

The jockers rode very carefully and anfely in the first hard of the race, and fer him. Nolan following to Lizzie D. salied over the water jump

LOST IN THE AIR.

Mr. Verrinder's Pigeons Yet Missing-The Story of Toby's Return.

The four carrier pigeons belonging to William Verrinder, Jr., of 190 Virginia avenue. Jersey City, which were sent to Indianapolis Aug. 28, and were liberated in that city last Sunday week, have not yet returned to their home, and it is feared that they have lost their way. They were sent to the starting point in willow boxes made for the purpose. When they reached Philadelphia, they were marked on their wings with the stamp of the Red Star Club, and on arriving at their destination they were again marked with a private sign. C. B. Fletcher of Indianapolis sent word to the Hudson County (N. J.) Antwerp Club that he liberated the pigeons at 6 o'clock on the morning of the 5th inst. At the time a gentle northwest wind prevailed. The temperature was favorable, the atmosphere was clear, and the barometer indicated a continuance of fair weather.

rinder, pointing to a blue pigeon that was on its roost. That is Easton, the champion. He is from a batch of 1578, and was bred in the loft of John Van Opstal, one of the most enthusiastic breeders in this country. In a flight from Easton, with sixty young and old birds, in 1879, he came in first, and hence he gets his name. This year, as an old bird, he won the race from Crescent, on the top of the Alleghany Mountains, by covering a distance of 245 miles in four hours and fifty-eight minutes. That is, I think, the best official time on record this year, although Mr. Warfaler of Hoboken claims that his bird Francisco made 343 miles in eight hours eighteen minutes. But the fastest time made, although it is not recorded, was by Mr. J. R. Huson's Toby. Toby, with others, was liberated last year at Crescent for the inter-State match, and she flew to New York, a distance of 245 miles, in exactly 232 minutes."

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"An, there is a singular and interesting story about that. You see no one expected the bird back so soon. Mr. Husen's coop is at the rear of his house in New York, but he was away from home when Toby flew into her old nest, Mr. Husen's sister, who is an invalid, happened, however, to be sitting at a window in the rear of the house when the pigeon flew into the coop. She saw the bird coming, and recognizing it took its time by a reliable watch. When Mr. Husen returned an hour later she told him of Toby's coming, and on going to the coop he found the bird and telegraphed its arrival and a description of the private sign on its wing to the aquarium, where the indgres were assembled. For that reason Toby's official record is an hour slower than the actual time taken in the flight. Our rules prevent us from accepting any other record than the time which ciapses between the hour at which a bird is tossed into the air and the hour at which a bird is tossed into the air and the hour at which a bird is tossed into the air and the hour at which a bird is tossed into the air and the hour at which a bird is tossed into the air and the hour at which a bird is tossed into the air and the hour at which a bird is tossed into the air and the hour at which a bird is tossed into the air and the hour at which a bird is tossed into the air and the hour at which a bird is tossed into the air and the hour at which a bird is tossed into the air and the hour at which as the sound in the hour at which a bird in the hour at which as the sound in the hour at which a bird in the hour at whic owner telegraphs its arrival to the judges.

GOING DOWN WITH THE SHIP.

Second Assistant Engineer Smith's Experience

in the Vera Cruz Disaster. BALTIMORE, Sept. 18 .- Charles Smith, second assistant engineer of the ill-fated steamer Vera Cruz, and who is a native of this city, has arrived here from Jacksonville, Fla. He was at once summoned by Supervising In-spector John Menshaw to appear before him. Inspector Mensiaw had received a request from the Supervising Inspector in New York from the Supervising Inspector in New York city to get the testimony of all the survivors of the Vera Cruz who might be passing through or stopping in this city, and forward the same to Iane and Matthews, the local inspectors of the Second District of New York. According to this request, Mr. Smith was summoned and appeared before the inspector at the Constom House. In his deposition he in the main supported the evidence which has already appeared in full. He said that he did not know the arrangements that the men made, but that he and the other engineers stuck to their posts until the vessel was swamped, and he went down with her. He could not swim a stroke, he said, and he was sucked down by the rush of water which followed the swamping of the vessel. He thought he would never come to the surface, but struggling manfully, he came up amid the scattered pieces of wrock. He soon get hold of a piece of the house which had been swept from the vessel. On this he found himself face to face with Gen. Torbert, who was clinging desperately to it. The General's lace was cut, and he did not appear to be very strong. In a little while a heavy sea swept them both from the friendly piece of wrock, and he did not see Gen. Torbert again until he was washed up on the beach a corpse. As for himself, he said that he soon got hold of another piece of the wreek, and by dint of perseverance and ability to stand exposure he was at bength dashed up on the beach about ten miles south of Mosquito Inlet, with enough life left in him to escape the recoding wave. He said that he far as he sould judge during the trying period just before the Vera Cruz went down, none of the officers seemed to take any thought of themselves, but stood at their posts like men. The huil of the west down, but seems swamped by the heavy seas which broke continually over her decks. city to get the testimony of all the survivors of

Aged 110, and for Hancock.

Gen. Hancock received yesterday a letter from George W. Singley of Moulton lows, who said that he was 110 years of are, and had been steadily a Democrat since the party was one mated. He sent his photograph, and desired one of the General's in return

SPORTS ON LAND AND WATER

YESTERDAY'S REGATTA OF THE HUD-

SON BOAT CLUB OF JERSEY CITY.

A Victory by the St. George Eleven Over the Home Team on Statch Island Yesterday— Last Week's Record of League Games. The sixteenth annual regatta of the Hudson Boat Club was held in the cove from off the club house, foot of Washington street, Jersey City, yesterday. There was a tedious wait while the course was being cleared of vessels; during which the time was whiled away by the music tators who lined each side of the cove and occupied the club house. The course was a stated mile and a half, with a turn for all the races except that for six-oared gigs, which was threequarters of a mile straight away. The first event was the junior singles. W. F. Myers, J. T. McLaughlin, and N. G. Avers started. They caught the water and rowed along evenly for a quarter, when McLaughlin sent his bow tip to the front. Myers, on the north shore, keeping second place. McLaughlin was first at the turn. embarrassing Myers considerably by turning the latter's mark. Ayers did well to the turn. but pegged out immediately after. McLaughlin led down the homestretch for a quarter, when he went to pieces, and Myers went to the front. and won by over four lengths in 9 minutes 24% seconds.

In the senior singles were G. D. Phittips, W. Clarke, Jr., and F. E. Hough. Phillips caught the water first and held the lead to the turn. Clarke kept second place for a half, when Hough passed him and pressed Phillips hotly, turning

Clarke kept second place for a half, when Hough passed him and pressed Phillips hotly, turning the upper stakeboat almost at the same time. Clarke did not turn. It was a close race between Phillips and Hough all the way to the finish, but Phillips won by about two lengths in 9 minutes 9½ seconds.

The next event was the race between four-oared barges. The crews were M. H. Carpenter, H. Hartsborne, H. F. Wood, Samuel Pearson (stroke), F. R. Baldwin (coxswain), and G. T. Smith, T. F. Cormick, S. H. McNaughton, W. F. Myers (stroke), F. E. Hough (coxswain.) Hough's crew caught the water first, and after passing the quarter led up to the turn by 8 length and clear water. Returning, Hough's crew increased their lead to three lengths at the commencement of the last eighth, and won easily in 9:234.

In the pair-oared gig race were F. E. Hough, stroke; F. R. Baldwin, how; M. H. Carpenter, coxswain; and G. D. Phillies, stroke; J. T. McLaughlin, bow; W. Clarke, Jr., coxswain. Clarke's crew led by over a length to the turn, but turned so badly that Carpenter's men turned and straightened out for home first. Clarke drew up abreast again, and after a short struggle forged ahead a length. Immediately pumped, and was taken aboard the referce's boat in a fainting condition. This, of course, gave the race to Clarke's crew.

The six-oared gig race was rowed in the moonlight, with a dimly visible but pleturesque effect. The race was three-quarters of a mile straight away. The crews were: F. R. Baldwin, M. H. Carpenter, J. T. McLaughlin, H. F. Wood, —. W. Clarke, Jr. (stroke). H. C. Pearson (coxswain), and Samuel Pearson, N. G. Ayers, W. F. Myers, G. D. Poillips, H. Ockerhausen, C. F. Oekerhausen (stroke). Ed. Linn (coxswain), Linn's crew jumped into the lead at once, and, though the other crew made a good stern chase of it for a while, Linn's crew finished about two lengths abead.

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lengths ahead.

The Boston Club last week made a brilliant raily for third place. They defeated the Worcesters once and the Providence nine four times in succession. The contest yesterday was marked by the following score: It will be seen that one innings' play on each size decided the contest.

Yesterday the Worcesters had to succumb to the Troys for the first time. Following is the score:

ble, the atmosphere was clear, and the barometer indicated a continuance of fair weather. The pigeons howered for a few minutes in the air, and after describing several circles, which are and after describing several circles, which are an additing as a several circles, which are an additing as a several circles, which are the pides were young, intelligent and powerful, and had distinguished the several circles. One of them, a Hamburg red checker cock, bred by Mr. Verrinder, won the first prize on Sept. 28, 1879, in a flight from Hamburg. Pa., to Jersey Caty. It accomplished the distance, 100 miles, in three hours and fifteen minutes. This bird also won the ninth prize from Hamburg in this year's context, and took fourth places in a flight from Newport, Pa. which is 165 miles for mister of the piacons was a figure of the piacons wa ever, went into their second innings and easily ran up a score of 106, the fielders being tired out and the bowlers in different as to the result. On Wednesday next the Staten Islanders play the Trenton eleven at Staten Island in a one day's match.

WHEELMEN IN CONSULTATION.

Settling the Question as to who are Amateur Bieyellata.

A meeting of the officers and directors of the League of American Wheelmen was held in the Metropolitan Hotel yesterday. The league was organized in Newport, R. L. in May last, and a constitution was adopted. The meeting vesterday was chiefly for the purpose of deciding upon by-laws. President Charles E. Pratt of Boston was in the chair. Fourteen clubs were represented. Besides President Pratt there were present Commander C. K. Munroe of this city. Corresponding Secretary J. Abert S. Parsons of Cambridge, Mass.: Recording Secretary J. Frank Bushneil of this city, Treasurer Hugh L. Willoughby of Saratoga, and Directors Max Hausman of Washington, R. A. Fairfield of Biddeford, Me.; S. T. Clark of Haitimore, Md.; Fred S. Frait of Worcester, Mass.; E. C. Hodges of Boston, L. H. Johnson of Orange, N. J.; J. G. Munros of Buffalo, A. Eig, Jr., of Cleveland, Ohio, and J. Pennell of Germantown, Pa.

The question as to what constitutes an amateur biovelist was warmly debated, for upon its decision depended the standing of one-third of the best and most widely known biovelists in the League. The Philadelphia and Washington clubs had instructed their delegates to vote against keeping in the League any member who manufactores bioveles or who receives profit pecuniarity, either directly or indirectly, from his connection with biovelest. The question was settled by incorporating the following in the by-laws:

An amateur is a person sho has never competed in an open competition, or for a stake, or for public money, or who has very person shad its manne, or with a professional for a prize, or where gate money is charged, or other a failed under the preceding of other athletic exercises as a means of livelihood. of Boston was in the chair. Fourteen clubs were

There are to be four meetings of the League every year, the first one being on the first Tuesday in January. Every fall there is to be a racing meeting.

A design for a League badge was discussed. Thus most invored was called the Continent design. It consists of a hemisphere of silver on which is enamelled in black a representation of the North American Continent, with the name of the League across the continent in silver relief, while from the sides of the hemisphere project spokes to rminating in the fellow of a bicycle wheel surrounding the base of the hemisphere. At the top is a cross bar representing a bicycle

At the top is a cross bar representing a bicycle tandle.

Commander Munroe reported that 527 new names for membership had been reported on favorably. Nine names had been rejected which, under the new provisions as to amateur bicyclists, would be acceptable.

ALBANY, Sept. 18.-The first trot to-day in Island Park was for a divided purse of \$1,000, for the 2 27 class. Natter won in three straight heats, with Durec third, and Glenda's Tommy Korweed second, Durec third, and tribuate fourth. Time-2:27%, 2:25%, 2:25%. The second trof, for a divided pure of \$2.50%, for \$2.21 class, was wen by Parana in three straint heats, abbridan second, Dassaulti hard, and Jersey Boy fourth. Pine-2:21%, 2:29%, 2:20%. According to under standing, Parana is entitled to \$250 additional for making three consecutive heats in the fastest time of the incetting.

Mand & Trotting in 2:10 3.4. CHICAGO, Sept. 18 .- At the Jockey Club Park

to-day Mand 8 trotted in 2.10%. First quarter in 24; half in 1.04%, three quarters in 1.36, and mile in 2.10%, carrying has pounds overweight and in the face of a strong wind.

CAPT. DREVET'S REMUVAL.

He will Contest its Legitimacy Against the

Ernest Drevet, late Captain of 7 Engine Company, Centre and Chambers streets, is pressing a suit, based on the alleged injustice of his removal by the Fire Commissioners. He served eight years in the old volunteer department, and two of the eight years as Assistant Foreman of Hose Company No. 8. He also served his time in Company A, Seventh Regiment, under Capt. Benzel. In the present Fire Department he served eleven years altogether. and ten years and three months as an officer. He is a man of intelligence, and was employed by the department to make surveys of the Manhattan, the Municipal, and the Mutual gas works of naphtha, Last fall the French Government requested Consul-General Breuil to have reports made of the fire organizations and appliances in the principal cities of the United States. He appointed Capt. Drevet to make a report for this city. The report forwarded to Paris

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for this city. The report forwarded to Paris last January by Capt. Drevet filled eighty-eight pages of foolscap. It contained twelve maps showing the distribution of engine houses and alarm boxes in this city, and cuts or all the various improved fire-extinguishing apparatus in use in New York, with descriptions and the names of the makers. In return he received highly compilimentary letters of thanks and approval from Minister De Freychet of Foreign Affairs, from his colleague, the Minister of the Interior, and from the Chief of the Fire Department of Paris. The latter sent immediately to New York for some controlling nozzles, revolving nozzles, and relief valves. Capt. Drevet descriptions of which had particularly interested him. Consul-General Breuil also found occasion to compliment Capt. Drevet for the manner in which he had performed his task.

The charges on which Capt. Drevet was removed grew out of a fire in the rear of 50 Chatham street at 2 o'clock on the 24th of last May, They were made by Chief of Baitalion Hugh Bonner, and the principal one was that Capt. Drevet did not obey General Order 41, paragraph 5, Article 7, issued in 1869, which directs that the Captain of a company shall stay with his men at the nozzle of the hose attached to his engine. When Chief Bonner arrived at the fire he found Capt. Drevet in the rear of the building, though his men were at work with the hose in front. The defence is that Capt. Drevet was the first officer to arrive at the fire, and that General Order 22, issued in 1868, directs that the first officer to arrive at the fire and that separal order to arrive at the fire and that the fire to arrive at the fire and in spection of the burning building. He says that it was a still alarm and that he was at the fire ten minutes before Chief Bonner arrived, but that when the Chief did arrive he at once returned to his pipe. His lawyer, Douglas Alavien, Jr., has demanded that the Fire Commissioners shall put into the case a copy of General Order 22, and if they do so he is c

BOARDERS AT LOGGERHEADS.

The Story that was Developed by the Arrest of a Brooklyn Politician.

Adrian V. Bergen, a well-known Republican politician of the Fourth Ward of Brooklyn. who is a clerk in the Custom House, was before Justice Walsh, in Brooklyn, yesterday, on a charge of making threats against W. W. Rowe, aged 30, of 143 Clinton street, Brooklyn. A number of friends of the two men were in the court room, and when the case was called Mr. Bergen pleaded not guilty, and was held in \$500 bonds to appear at the next Court of Sessions. The cause of dispute arose between Mr. Bergen and Mr. Rowe, when both were boarding with Mrs. Charlotte Carman, the wife of a police sergeant, who lived at 152 Lawrence street Mrs. Carman is prepossessing in appear-

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sergeant, who lived at 152 Lawrence street.
Mrs. Carman is prepossessing in appearance, and was much admired by Mr.
Bergen, who, while he lived there, was
received and treated as one of the
family, Mr. Bergen was then a clerk
in the Brooklyn rax office, and was conspicuous
as a member of the Fourth Ward Republican
Association. Among the boarders was Mr.
Rowe, who, being a Republican, was besought
by Mr. Bergen to attend the meetings of the
ward association and second what motions he
(Bergen) should make. Mr. Rowe refused to
oblige Mr. Bergen, and they became reserved
toward each other, and at length positively unfriendly. Mr. Bergen, losing his place in the
tax office, was without salary for some months,
and his board bil continued to run up until it
reached proportions that dimmed his popularity
in the house and put him in strong contrast
with Mr. Rowe, who was prompt in his payments. At length a breach occurred, and Mr.
Bergen quitted the house. Since that time, it is
alleged. Mr. Bergen has resorted to various
petty persecutions of Mr. Rowe and Mrs. Carman. The latter avers that he followed her
around the streats, making rude remarks and
insisting upon addressing her. Four weeks
ago, she avers, he came to her and threatened to make life unpleasant for her if she did
not treat him in a more friendly manner. She
told him that he had acted in an ungentlemanly
manner, and that she wished their acquaintance to come to an end. Mr. Bergen said that
he was not satisfied.

On Thursday last he encountered Mrs. Carman in Lawrence street, walking with her sister and Mr. Rowe, who now boards in Clinton
street. He went up to Mrs. Carman and called
her nis "sweetness," his "birdie," and other
terms which annoved her. The party tried to
avoid him, and Mr. Rowe ran up the steps
of Mr. Carman's house. At this uncture, it is
alleged, Bergen threatened "to lay him out."
Mrs. Carman went into the house, and then it
was determined that Bergen should be arrested.

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HER PLEA NOT ACCEPTED.

Mrs. Mary O'Connor, who Killed her Three Children, Arraigned in Jersey City. Mrs. Mary O'Connor, the woman who arose from her bed on the night of July 8, and deliberately killed three of her young children by cutting their throats with a razor, was arraigned yesterday before Judge Knapp, in the Court of Oyer and Terminer in Jersey City, on three indictments charging her with murder. She was plainly dressed in black. Her cheeks She was plainly dressed in black. Her cheeks were haggard, and her eyes were sunken and wild-looking. As she was led to the box by Deputy Sheriff Cronin she staggered and would have fallen if she had not been supported by the deputy sheriff. After she had been conducted to a chair and allowed to rest a little, Prosecutor McGill directed her to stand up. He then read to her the first of the indictments. She listened attentively, while the color in her face came and went.

"What do you plead?" asked Mr. McGill.
"Guilty," she rebiled.
"Enter a plea of not guilty," said the Prosecutor, turning to Clerk Holmes, who did as directed.

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Then the other two indictments were read and the same plea was entered in each in-

and the same piea was entered in each instance.

"Have you counsel?" inquired Judge Knapp.
"No. sir." answered the prisoner.
"The Court will then assign counsel to conduct your defence," said the Judge.
This woman was led back to jail to await her trial. Prosecutor McGill explained to a reporter for The Sux that in New Jersey pleas of guilty to indictments for murder are not received. The defence in this case will be that the woman was insane when she committed the crime. was insane when she committed the crime.

Hostlitty to Art.

Dr. Robert Moore of 18 West Forty-fifth treet appeared in the Special Sessions Court, yesterday, prosecute Mary Johnson for mulicious mischief. to prosecute Mary Johnson for mallicious mischief. On Monday last Dr. Moore was moving from Sixteenth street. The expressmen had left on the sidewalk two pictures, a copy of Raphael's "Head of Christ," valued at \$1,000, and a copy of "The Crown of Thorns." Mary Johnson, an egod woman, who has been frequently strested for being drink, came along, and draw for fast through the "Crown of Thorns" and punctured the other picture with her thurns. The woman was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

What the Obelisk is to Rest Upon A copper box containing copies of Post Office

A copper box containing copies of Fost Office documents and implements a complete set of postage stamos and stamped cavelores, and portraits of Mr. Key and Mr. Maynard, was nowarded from the Fost Office bepartimest yesterfay. The box is intended to be placed under the Egyptism obelisk.

COURTNEY'S LATEST RIG.

HE PROPOSES TO REDUCE FRICTION IN ROWING MATCHES.

Hints as to the Nature of the Ingenious Device-What is Said About it by Some of the Prominent Knights of the Ash. The announcement that Courtney will certainly row Riley for a large stake on Oct. 5 is received with incredulity in rowing circles. There are a few rowers who claim to believe that he intends to row, and in some quarters he is heavily backed to beat the best time he ever made over a three-mile course. This is said to be 20 minutes 14% seconds, over a turn course on Owego Lake, two or three seasons ago. The confidence displayed by his backers is perhaps due to the fact that he may appear in the new "rig" with which he has recently been experimenting, and for which he has taken out a patent. A few who claim to knew all about it shake their heads and say that with this new "rig" Courtney will bid deflance to poisoned tea, sunken wires, rip saws, sunstrokes, &c. Some persons say that it is the outrigger that slides, and not the seat. Others claim that he has a minute electric machine which gives motive power to a small screw.

Courtney's own description of the new "rig" should be the most accurate. "You see," said he, "a labor-saving invention is a great thing. and this is an invention to save labor. I received letters patent a few days ago for a sliding riority over the old slides. I will tell you that I use rollers running in wooden parallel grooves.

riority over the old slides, I will tell you that I use rollers running in wooden parallel grooves, thereby saying a great amount of friction. It takes just seventeen pounds of force to move the old slides with a man weighing 146 pounds. After rowing half a mile the force required increases to twenty pounds. With the new device it takes just one pound of force, without any increase of friction in a five-mile race. This saving of force will of course be readily appreciated by rowers, and will give a great advantage to those using the new seat. It's a big thing."

Bowing men are skeptical as to the advantages of the invention, and are inclined to be flippant in their remarks concerning it. Major Wm. H. Webster of the Atalantas was found in the Stock Exchange eating a peach. "A new rig, sh?" said he; "I don't know anything about his new rig, and don't want to. His old ones have cost me a small fortune in the pool box-s."

Ed Simbh, the famous bow of the Argonautas, smiled when the subject was mentioned. "What rig is he going to give us now? A frietion saving machine, sh? He had better go and drive a jack plane on his bench. Rowing is out of his line."

"Well. I should smile!" said Charley Bramhall of the Argonautas. "I always said Courtney wouldn't be the under dog in a fight, Smith is wrong in this matter. I'm going to write Courtney, who is a dear friend of mine, and get up a stock company on his invention. Smith, you are froze out aiready."

William Tunis of the Stock Exchange, Commodore of the Saw Mill Boat Club of Saw Mill Creek, was enthusiastic on the subject. "It's a great thing—saving of friction, increase of force, all that sort of thing, you know. Scientific by Jovel Sure to win, now, if he don't meet with an accident."

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into the merits of the invention, and he thought
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continue to waste friction until the invention
had been more thoroughly tested. He was, as
a rule, suspicious of "rigs."
Cornelius J. Oliffe and M. M. Truman, both
skilled oarsmen, said they believed in all laborsaving inventions, and hoped for the success of
this one. William Goodnow of the Seawanhaka Rowing Club said that this invention gave every man a chance. "A good many men," he said, "rowed more with their mouths than with their hands.

more with their mouths than with their hands, arms, or legs."

A.R. Haddock of the Atalantas, who always rows with a sandwich on his stretcher, said he siwars thought Courtney would come out right. This invention looked like a big thing, and would ho doubt counterast the effects of such evil devices of Courtney's enemies as poisoned tea, sawed boats, &c.

Davy Boach, Sam Hazard, and others of the famous Dauntless six, propose to watch the workings of the invention closely, and do not intend to get left out in the cold if there is any merit in it.

Jesse Smith, the Lone Fisherman of Bayside, is interested in the discovery. He thinks it is calculated to create a revolution in the clothing trade, and cheapen the price of bivalves and crustaces.

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Charles Earwicker of the Gramercys is an oarsman of repute, and is looked up to with pride in Harlem. He thought there had been a good deal too much friction in Courtney's races heretofore, and was glad that something had been devised to remeay it. His bank account had suffered considerably from the triction.

"It's all taffy," said Dr. Walter M. Fleming of the Waverleys, "If the power of the extensor communis digitorum were inferior to that of the bleeps flexor cubit, then this saving of friction might be utilized, but the reverse has always proved the case with Courtney."

Fearon, Elliott, Waters, and other bont builders are not much alarmed as yet, and continue to build their boats in the usual style.

Such old and skilled oarsmen as Wm. F. Hobble, W. R. Souther, R. W. Van Buskirk, Commodore John Littell, Ransom Parker, and Isaac Cole say that any invention is to be welcomed which will reduce bistered hands and sore arms and legs to a minimum, and they think that Courtney's genius as an inventor think that Courtney's genius as an inventor may perhaps cause his misfortunes as an oars-man to be overlooked and the financial reverses

man to be overlooged and of his backers to be forgotten. THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FAIR.

Not Room Enough in the Great Hall for all the Articles that were Offered,

The Forty-ninth annual exhibition of the American Institute, which was opened on Wednesday last, promises to be unusually interesting and successful. It is estimated that about twelve thousand persons visited the hall on the day of the opening, and the attendance has been large on every succeeding day. The receipts up to the present are far in advance of those for a similar period last year. The managers claim that the exhibition is more worthy public attention than any previous one. The number of articles is upward of 3,000, and for want of space about 1,000 have been refused. The selection thus rendered possible has done much to add to the merits of the display. The hall is, as usual, tastefully hung with flags and bunting. The fountain in the centre is surrounded with a beautiful fringe of foliage and blossoming plants, and by a powerful engine the water is forced through a nozzle of new design high into the air, whence it falls in white stray. The music is furnished by the Ninth Regiment Band, and Arbuckle plays cornet soles. A fine Jardine grand organ occupies the rear of the music stand, and on Monday next and thereafter organ concerts will be given three times a day.

Among the more interesting features of the exhibition is a tobacco-packing machine. The tobacco is placed in a hopper, which revolves. As it moves the tobacco is weighed out in scales placed beneath it. Then it is deposited in bars, which are attached about a revolving disk, and the bags come out on the opposite side of the machine ready to be tied and inbelied. An automatic grain weigher and register in operation was much noticed. The disease of the story of the page of th has done much to add to the merits of the dis-

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THROUGH THE PAVEMENT.

Mr. Brown's Tumble into a Concealed Cistern Under a Brooklyn Street.

As Thomas H. Brown was passing along Hoyt street at the southwest corner of Livingston street in Brooklyn on Thursday, the flagstones of the pavement sank beneath him, and he found himself in a cistern of stagnant water deep enough to have drowned him had he been unable to swim. He shouted for help and was lifted out. He was severely injured by the lifted out. He was severely injured by the pieces of brick and stone that tell upon him, and was rendered aimost unconscious. The cistern, which is forty-five years old, was used to supply fire engines before reservoir water was introduced. It was forty-four feet long twenty lest wide, and contained stagmant water eleven teet deep. It had been for a long-time neglected, and few persons in the vicinity knew that it existed. The sidewalk in Heyt street caved into the cistern, and an opening was made in the street about filly feet long. The adjacent sewer was tapped yesterday, and the water from the cistern was run into it, while work men from the City Works Department were busy filling up the well with earth and asies. asiles.

There are several other unused cisterns in different parts of Brooklyn covered over with pavements.

Mr. Cambres's Money. Michael Cambres, a butcher of 426 Sixth avo-

of \$500 for the return of the money, but received no response. An advertisement in a morning paper a few days ago asked him to call at a certain address. Detective ago asked him to call at a certain address. Detective Schmittherger went there, and found that the advertiser was an Haian woman. She soil that Ross Quisa a woman who priced up decayed venetables about the money and given it to her father, of the country of the money and given it to her father, of cash, and took him to the Jeffer Schmittherger are full Solinvan street. Schmittherger are Quisa and took him to the Jeffer son Market Felice the Quisa had seidenly shown signs of having considerable money. Since his arrest float had disappeared.

Justice Smith said there was no evidence against Quisa, and discharged him.

STRIKING GRAIN SHIFTERS.

What they Give for a Reason and what their Employers Sny of Them.

The strike of the grain elevator men at work for the elevators at Hoboken in loading vessels chartered for foreign ports, has spread to every elevator on the North and East Rivers where men belonging to the Grain Men's Protective Association, as the union of experienced grain elevator men of this city is called, are employed. "The strike originated," said a member of the Executive Committee of the association, yesterday. " in the persistency of the International Elevator Company in keeping two non-association men in their employ against the protest of the association. These men do not belong to the association. They men do not belong to the association. They applied for membership, but they were rojected because it was the unanimous opinion of the Executive Committee that they were men whose antecedents made them undesirable members. The Executive Committee of the association thought it wrong that such men should be employed while many other capable men belonging to the association needed work. So they made a polite protest in the name of the nasociation, which includes 450 skilled grain elevator men of the port. No notice was taken of the protest at first, but the company announced resterday that they proposed to keep the two obnoxious men in their employ. Thereupon a strike was ordered. The public should be informed that this strike has an important interest for them. Loading a ship with grain is no child's play, particularly when the grain is carried in sacks. I could give the names of two steamships that ioundered at sea within the year owing to the defetive stowage of the grain that they carried. Grain, particularly in sacks, as I have said, needs the utmost care in storing. It must be alid as trimly in the ship's hold and evened up as carefully as though it was to stay there forever. Otherwise it may shift at sea, and no human agency can avert shipwreck. The work of grain elevator men, therefore, is important, and when well done, as the men belonging to our association. I contend, alone can do it in this port, entitles the men themselves to the consideration of the public. The association would like to have the public understand that the strike is not against wages or hours. We are content with both. But we do not went to be forced to work with men that we do not regard as fit association." Said a representative of the International Elevator Company, yesterday, has ordered all of its members at work on our elevators or any other company's elevators on strike. We do not wish to deny that this ill-advised action embarrasses us. But the embarrasses us. applied for membership, but they were rejected because it was the unanimous opinion of

in any way so far as we know, are employed to work with them."

RESISTING REVENUE OFFICERS.

A Fight with Tilleit Distillers in the Mon tains of Virginia.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 .- The Internal Revenue Bureau has received a report from Collector Rives of southwestern Virginia, which states that a few days ago Supervising Deputy Collector Latham of Collector Rives's district learned that several parties from Shooting Creek and Runnut Bay Creek, near the dividing line of Floyd and Franklin Counties, were retailing liquor in the woods near Floyd Court House. He organized a posse, but was unable to do anything, owing to the dense undergrowth. The next day, with the same posse, nine in number, armed with pistois only, he started out, under the lead of a trusty guide, with a view of destroying an illicit distillery which the guide had diacovered. Unon reaching Martin's mill, seven miles from Floyd Court House, and three miles from the distillery, the party dismounted and travelled afoot, leaving the horses in charge of one of their number. The illicit distillery was destroyed. Before half a mile in return had been passed the party was fired upon, at a distance of about 300 yards, by a number of men secreted in the woods. This fire was kept up whenever the railers came in sight. The buflets sometimes struck very near, and in one or two instances within a foot of those aimed at. The skirmish was continued until the horses were reached. The posses shielded themselves while making to their horses by wading in creeks and keeping behind ledges of rocks. They were compelled to mount hurriedly while bullets whizzed around them. They ran the gianulat of a hot fire which came from the cliffs on both sides. Altogether there were about fity men scattered along who engaged in the fight, and about 150 shots were fired by them. The raiding party fired a single shot. It was aimed at man who came within seventy-live yards, and fired at the guide from behind a tree. It was started out, under the lead of a trusty this section are a dangerous set have on two previous occasions made similar demonstrations."

MRS. HENRY'S COMPLAINT.

The Story that Accompanied Her Request that Her Husband be Arrested.

Mrs. Margaret Henry of 379 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday applied to Justice Walsh for a warrant for the arrest of Robert Henry, her husband, as a disorderly person. Mr. Henry is a well-known undertaker, who, some time ago, was committed to the Inebriate Asylum on his wife's complaint, and was subsequently examined with a view to having a committee appointed over his person and estate. The Sheriff's jury, however, declared that he was sane, and he was set at liberty.

In her affidavit Mrs. Henry alleges that her husband has for a long time been an habitual drunkard, a disturber of the peace and quietness of the neighborhood, and that he has set fire to her wearing appared, blackened her eye with his fist, and stoten money for drinking purposes which was given by friends for the purchase of a grave for a dead child. His acts became so ferocious and his lit-treatment so great. Mrs. Henry says, that she was compelled to seek refuge in the courts, and accordingly in 1879 she obtained a limited divorce in the Brooklyn City Court on the ground of inhuman treatment. Her husband, however, she alleges, continues to grad drunk and to use profane and threatments language. On Sept. 8, 1880, he became intoxicated, and, trespassing upon her store, broke a valuable window glass, used profane and obscene language, and threatmed to burn and kill her. She says that she is in actual fear of bodily harm and of danger to her life from her husband as a disorderly person on his wife's complaint under the circumstances recited, and reserved his decision for a week.

No Conveyance for Small-Pox Patlents Asylum on his wife's complaint, and was sub-

Three cases of small-pox were discovered in Three cases of small-pox were discovered in a tenement inhabited by five families at less has been taken to the fallowing day to the Riverside Hospital on Black well's Island in a rowboat. The other two are too if to be transported so such an exposed conveyance, and the health authorities this far have been make to obtain a some lamper of the for the proposed duty. Owners of such craft are unanimously resisting to incire risk of information the said lamper of the formation of the first opening of the mean time the two children who are suffering from the mean time the two children who are suffering from the mean time to the crowled tonement. The other makes of the house have been vaccinated, disinfectants have been used, and every precaution has been taken to prevent the spical of the disease.

BRILF MENTION.

The free class in shorthand at Cooper Union is to be opened to morrow evening. opened to-morrow evening.

Kain Cha-dra Bose, a converted Hindon, is to preach in the Simpson M. E. Chutch, in Brooklyn, to night.

The Bev. Dr. R. S. Siorra has returned from the country, and will resume the services in his church to day.

The Rev. Mr. Keinin, a street preacher, is to start a coffee cart in the poorer quarters of this city in the winter months.

Judge Francia A. Macounter, vesterials, in Sorrem.

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Justice Ferry vesterday discharged Walter Best, one of the three men arrested for the mirder of Lawyor the tree to the three men arrested for the mirder of Lawyor the tree to the tree men arrested for the mirder of Lawyor the tree to the tree that the prosecution.

Harry Howard and William Petram, who will walt be the Asiley belt hext mooth, saided in the steamely, Minny sesterday. Their backers, Thomas Davis and them, sestenday. Their backers, Thomas Davis and them, sestend petron of the Greenville (X. J.). M. F. Church has resigned his position, giving as a reason, that it exhort extend their Saturday might practice meeting and head midnight, minling it too inconvenient, either see the church in readiness for the Sunday morning services.

Much complaint is made of the uniformity continues of nue, lest an envelope containing \$2,000 in bank notes near Fulton Market in May last. He advertised a reward

EXCITEMENT IN FLUSHING.

COLORED DEMOCRAT AND AN IRISH

REPUBLICAN AT BLOWS. spute Over the Maine Election that Led

to a Fight-A Butcher's Cleaver tant Came Near Putting on End to the Controversy, FLUSHING, N. Y., Sept. 18 .- Much excitement was caused in Flushing this afternoon by the news that Dennis Sullivan, a Trustee of the village and Town Overseer of the Poor, had assaulted John W. A. Shaw, editor of the New York Suffragist, a paper which has recently been conspicuous as an advocate of the colored race, and a strong supporter of Hancock and English. Mr. Shaw, who has recently returned from Indiana, where he delivered several speeches, and notably one on the occasion when Gov. Hendricks replied to the attack of the Indianapolis Journal, was passing along Main street here this afternoon, and stopped to say a few words to Patrick Clark at the door of his (Clark's) market. Shaw handed Clark a copy

few words to Patrick Clark at the door of his (Clark's) market. Shaw handed Clark a copy of the Suffragust, and then fell into conversation. Clark asked, "What are you going to do about Mains?"

Shaw replied that the returns were so slow in coming in that he was afraid the Republicans would count out the Union candidate.

Trustee Sullivan had been talking to Clark before Shaw came, and he was a listener to the conversation. He is a strong Republican, and he was angered by what Shaw said, and interrupted him. Shaw retorted that he was not speaking to him Sullivan. This angered Sullivan the more, and he called the colored editor a black carpet-bagger and a sucker," at the same time making a threatening demonstration. Shaw, stepping aside, asked Clark whether he would permit Sullivan, who is a big, powerful man, to strike him. Clark said Sullivan wouldn't strike, and then Shaw said: "If I am a black surker, you are an Irish sucker."

At this Sullivan deal! Shaw a fearful blow or the face, nearly closing his eye, just drawing blood and rolling him at full length on the sawdust floor of the market. Clark rushed in and pulled Sullivan off. Shaw was enraged, and running to the cutting block, he selzed a hug cleaver over two feet long and about four inches across. With this he lunged at Sullivan being unable to come up with his assailant threw the cleaver, but fortunately it missed its mark.

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The latter is a R-publican. Sullivan don't disbute the main facts, but he says Shaw used the
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most insulfing language first. Only the three persons named were present when the assault took place. Editor Shaw swore out a warrant for Sullivan's arrest before Justice Lever, and the case will come up for examination on Monday morning.

At the Town Hall, Clark said this evening that Sullivan had told him before Shaw came to the market that Shaw was announced to speak at a Hancock and English meeting this evening, and it looked as if the assault was intended to prevent Shaw from being at the meeting.

LOOKING FOR THEIR CHIED.

A Couple who were Ecunited in Brooklyn After Ten Years of Separation.

Joseph Bailan and his wife separated in Brooklyn ten years ago, and the wife took with her their only child, a boy, three and a half years old. The boy was subsequently placed in the care of his father's parents, who put him in one of the public institutions of this city. Two years ago the couple met again, and decided to reestablish their home. They then began to search for the child. At the institution where he was placed they learned that he had been apprenticed to a farmer in the West. After apprenticed to a farmer in the West. After pursuing the search for him for a long time they found that he had made his way back to this city, and had lived with a Mrs. Chillis of Degraw street, Brooklyn, who, on account of his wayward babits, had had him committed to the House of Refuge as a vagrant.

Upon a writ of habeas corpus, granted by Justice Gilbert, the boy was produced in the Supreme Court, yesterday, and an application was made for his discharge. Justice Gilbert denied a motion to discharge the had upon the affiliaties presented, and said that the question must come before him upon a writ of certiorari to review the proceedings of the committing magistrate.

The fifth annual games of the National Association of Amsteur Athletes of America for the amateur championships are to be contested on the grounded tests are L. E. Myers, the champion runner; W. H. Purdy, the champion walker; W. J. Van Houten, the champion

Bleyelists at a Pair.

Several members of the Williamsburgh Blthe Pairfield County Agricultural Pair. Among those who were victorious was George Hooper, W. B. C. He won the first three heats out of five in a half-mie hands can race. While giving exhibitions of riding, Prof. F. S. Rollinson, the Williamsburgh bieveist, fell from his machine, and was picked up inconscious. He recovered in time to nearthcipate in the race in which b. Relard, the French champion, and J. W. Wilson, a noted Boston rider, were his competitors. Rollinson won an easy victory.

At 9 sclock last night members of the clob left their headquarters at Bedroid avenue and Heyward street, Williamsburgh and started for a mooningit spin to Coney Island and back again. who were victorious was George Hooper, W. B. C. He

AFLOAT AND ASHORE.

Festival of the Fifth Regiment Drum Corps, Hamilton Park, to-morrow. Field day and festival of the Third Regiment cavalry, Rise Park, Thursday. Festival of the United Italian Associations, Bender's Schuetzee Park, to-day and to-morrow.
Fall games and holde of the Irish American Athletic Citi. Jones's Wood Colossenia, Wednesday.
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